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SUBJECT:FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS  
BY GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

REF: (A) STATE 120756, JUNE 7, 1974, (B) STATE 124883,  
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1. IN RESPONSE TO ORAL REQUESTS FROM AUSTRALIAN AND NEW  
ZEALAND EMBASSIES, DEPARTMENT OFFICER INFORMED AUSTRALIAN  
DCM UPTON AND NEW ZEALAND COUNSELOR POWLES ON JUNE 3 AND  
6 THAT USG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUATION OF ARRANGE-  
MENT USED IN 1973 AND 1974 GOVERNING GOA AND GONZ ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS. AGREED UPON PROCEDURE  
STIPULATES GOA AND GONZ WILL EMPLOY "HAS REASON TO  
BELIEVE" FORMULA IN MAKING ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
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FRENCH PACIFIC TESTS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER EXPLICITLY

RECALLED RESTRICTIONS WHICH APPLY TO AGREED FORMULA:

-- NO MENTION OF SPECIFICS OF TIME OF TEST OR OF YIELD OF  
DEVICE;

-- CATEGORIC REFUSAL BY ALL GOA (OR GONZ) PERSONNEL TO  
IDENTIFY OR TO SPECULATE ABOUT SOURCE OF TEST INFORMATION.

IN VIEW FRENCH ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO CONDUCT FUTURE  
TESTS UNDERGROUND, DEPARTMENT OFFICER AGREED TO GOA AND  
GONZ REQUESTS THAT PREVIOUS PROCEDURE BE MODIFIED TO  
PERMIT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SUSPECTED TEST WAS UNDERGROUND.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA AND GONZ OFFICIALS,  
DEPARTMENT OFFICER MADE TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS:

-- WE UNDERSTAND CESSATION OF FRENCH ATMOSPHERIC TESTING  
REMOVED ONE OF THE OBSTACLES TO THE RESUMPTION OF U.S.  
NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIA (OR NEW ZEALAND) AND WE ASSUME  
THE GOA (OR GONZ) WILL NOT MAKE THE CESSATION OF FRENCH  
UNDERGROUND TESTING A CONDITION FOR RESUMING THESE VISITS.

-- WE ASSUME THE GOA (GONZ) WILL AVOID USING FRENCH  
UNDERGROUND TESTS AS A BASIS FOR CONDEMNING UNDERGROUND  
TESTS BY THEIR ALLIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.

UPTON AND POWLES ACKNOWLEDGED THE FIRST POINT, AGREED TO  
RELAY IT TO THEIR CAPITALS, AND INDICATED THEIR PERSONAL  
BELIEF THAT FRENCH UNDERGROUND TESTING WOULD NOT REPEAT  
NOT STAND AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO RESUMPTION OF US NPW VISITS.  
ON THE SECOND POINT, AFTER SOME DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED  
THAT AS LONG AS THE US IS NOT MENTIONED DIRECTLY, WE  
WOULD NOT OBJECT TO GENERAL STATEMENTS BY GOA (OR GONZ)  
CONDEMNING ALL TESTING.

3. UPTON AND POWLES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT RENEWAL OF  
ARRANGEMENT.

4. FYI: FRENCH DETONATED AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST  
ON THE MURUROA ATOLL LATE ON JUNE 5 EDT. END FYI. KISSINGER  
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